GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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NON AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ferrous fumarate an important drug required to treat Anemia, is not available in the market;and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make available said drug?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

(a) and fb) Ferrous Fumarate tablets are indicated for nutritional iron deficiency Anemia. The preparations of Ferrous Fumarate as source of iron are used as single ingredient as well as in combination with Vitamin B12, Folic Acid and other Vitamins. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) monitors the availability and shortages of medicines normally based on the field reports received from State Drugs Controllers. No specific report of shortage of Ferrous Fumarate tablets as single ingredient or its combinations with other drugs has been received during the recent past.